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In re design application of  
YAGINUMA et al.

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Title: FINE TUNGSTEN CARBIDE POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 24, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please enter the following amendments:

1. Please amend first paragraph on page 2, lines 8 to 12, to read as follows:

To develop a cemented carbide having a higher strength from the above points of view, the present inventors have focused research on a fine tungsten carbide powder used as a raw powder of a cemented carbide and have obtained the research results shown in the following (a) to (d).

2. Please amend second paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4, page 3, line 21 through page 4, line 12, to read as follows:

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